

The Great Grace of God in the Sufficiency of Jesus Christ

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- Dead v. alive (specifically; spiritually toward God; positively/properly/suitably)
- Walk, course, way, path, practice, live, life, abide, custom
- Nature (specifically; essence, substance giving rise to character, properties, forming desire, will, actions)
- Mercy v. justice v. injustice
- Actor v. patient (the one who is acted upon)
- Grace (specifically; God's Covenantal Steadfast Loving Kindness) v. wage
- Free v. obligatory (by law or duty)

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹ And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Romans 9:8-16

⁸ That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants. ⁹ For this is the word of promise: "AT THIS TIME I WILL COME, AND SARAH SHALL HAVE A SON."

¹⁰ And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac;

¹¹ for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls, ¹² it was said to her, "THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER."

¹³ Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED." ¹⁴ What shall we say then?

There is no injustice with God, is there?

May it never be! ¹⁵ For He says to Moses,

"I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION."

¹⁶ So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

- Love of God
 - Unconditional as regarding the creature/recipient
 - Eternal
 - Immutable
 - Willed by God (in all His absolute perfections)
 - Based in The Sufficient Satisfaction of Jesus Christ alone (Righteousness & Justice)

John 3:3 (NASB)

³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 1:9-13 (NASB)

⁹ There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

- **The biblical Doctrines of God's Grace v. man's decisional salvation**
 - **Sufficiency v. Necessity**
 - **Particular Specificity v. Universality**
 - **Actual v. Potential**
 - **Monergism v. Synergism**
 - **Unilateral, Unconditional & Eternally Immutable Covenant vs. Bilateral, Conditional & humanly mutable covenant**

2nd LBC 1689 Chapter 8: Of Christ the Mediator

5. The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself, which He through the eternal Spirit once offered up unto God, hath fully satisfied the justice of God, procured reconciliation, and purchased an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father hath given unto Him.

2nd LBC 1689 Chapter 10: Of Effectual Calling

2. This effectual call is of God's free and special grace alone, not from anything at all foreseen in man, nor from any power or agency in the creature, being wholly passive therein, being dead in sins and trespasses, until being quickened and renewed by the Holy Spirit; he is thereby enabled to answer this call, and to embrace the grace offered and conveyed in it, and that by no less power than that which raised up Christ from the dead.

Reflection: Romans 8:28-39

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